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**SCHAKOWSKY: REPUBLICANS CONTINUE
TO DELAY CHILD TAX CREDIT
TO WORKING FAMILIES**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today joined her Democratic colleagues in an effort to provide 6.5 million low-income working families with the expanded child tax credit denied them by Congressional Republicans.

Schakowsky expressed little surprise, however, when only four Republicans voted with Democrats to instruct House negotiators to accept a Senate provision to give those families making between \$10,500 and \$26,625 the expanded child tax credit.

"Working families across America are still struggling in the Bush economy, but Republicans think they make too little money to get a tax cut. It is shameful that House Republicans are continuing to delay tax relief to families making less than \$26,500 while voting for \$90,000 in additional tax breaks to millionaires," Schakowsky said.

Background:

Republicans removed a provision that would have provided an increase in the child credit to working and military families making between \$10,500 and \$26,625 during final closed-door negotiations on the \$350 billion tax bill signed by President Bush.

After it was reported in the press, and following Democratic pressure, on June 5, the Senate passed H.R. 1308 by a vote of 94 to 2 to immediately increase the child tax credit to working families, including the families of 262,000 military children. However, House Republicans insisted on passing \$80 billion in new tax cuts to solve the \$3.5 billion problem of providing tax relief for these children of working and military families. This was a political ploy designed to sabotage the bipartisan Senate effort to help the children of working and military families this year.